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1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON EUR ASST SECY HARTMAN SEPT 1 TO CONVEY TURKISH GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO HARTMAN'S QUESTION (REFTEL) REGARDING TURKISH READINESS TO NEGOTIATE AEGEAN ISSUES WITH GREECE. ESENBEL SAID THE TURKS HAD MADE PUBLIC THEIR READINESS TO NEGOTIATE BUT WERE SUSPICIOUS OF GREEK MOTIVES IN CONTINUING TO PURSUE THE COMPLAINT BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE.

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HARTMAN EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF GETTING TALKS STARTED.

2. ESENBEL SAID THAT IF USG WERE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT INITIATION OF GREEK-TURKISH AEGEAN TALKS, US SHOULD ALSO URGE THE GREEKS TO PARTICIPATE. HARTMAN RESPONDED THAT TURKS HAD WON THEIR POINT AT NEW YORK THAT AEGEAN ISSUES SHOULD BE RESOLVED THROUGH BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. IT WAS THEREFORE UP TO THE TURKS TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE. HE SUGGESTED THAT TURKEY EXTEND AN INVITATION TO GREECE AND MAKE A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL TO GET THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS UNDER WAY.

3. HARTMAN NOTED THAT THE SISMIK WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAILED TODAY AND ASKED IF ESENBEL KNEW WHERE THE SHIP WOULD BE GOING THIS TIME. ESENBEL DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF THE NEW AREA OF OPERATIONS BUT SAID THAT CONTINUATION OF THE SISMIK'S OPERATIONS WAS AS HAD BEEN PLANNED EARLIER.

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